

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE/amendment filed on 8/15/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the Applicant's RCE/Amendment filed on August 15, 2005.
2. Claims 1 – 27 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record, taken either singly and/or in combination, does not teach or disclose a method as recited in independent claim 1, a computer program as recited in claim 17, or a lexical analyzer as recited in claim 19 with the following features:

Converting source code into tokens, obtaining one or more entries wherein the entries are used to generate a subset of tokens and at least one of the entries *is dynamically added at runtime to recognize one or more reserved words or operators.*

The closest prior art is Fridman, U.S. Patent 5,926,814, which discloses converting a software program into tokens by obtaining one or more entries from a Lexic dictionary, but does not disclose the entries dynamically added at runtime to recognize one or more reserved words or operators.

Thus all remaining dependent claims 2 – 9; 11 – 18; and 20 – 27 are also allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Examiner's Amendment

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the change and/or additions be unacceptable to the Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Robert Lord, Reg. No 46479 on 13 September 2005. The application has been amended as follows:

5. In the claims:

In claim 1, change the following statements:

From:

"wherein said entries [may be] used to generate a subset..."

Change to:

"wherein said entries are used to generate a subset..."

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From:

“wherein at least one of said entries is added at runtime.”

Change to:

“wherein at least one of said entries is added at runtime to recognize one or more reserved words or operators.”

In claim 10, change the following statements:

From:

“wherein said entries [may be] used to generate a subset of said plurality of tokens.”

Change to:

“wherein said entries are used to generate a subset of said plurality of tokens, and”

From:

“wherein at least one of said entries is added at runtime.”

Change to:

“wherein at least one of said entries is added at runtime to recognize one or more reserved words or operators.”

In claim 19, change the following statements:

From:

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“a source program analyzer;”

Change to:

“a source program analyzer; and”

From:

“wherein said entries [may be] used to generate a subset of said plurality of tokens.”

Change to:

“wherein said entries are used to generate a subset of said plurality of tokens, and”

From:

“wherein at least one of said entries is added at runtime.”

Change to:

“wherein at least one of said entries is added at runtime to recognize one or more reserved words or operators.”

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence Shrader whose telephone number is (571) 272-3734.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 08:00-16:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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